



Terwilliger Fire Update

Northwest Incident Management Team 8, Incident Commander, Doug Johnson

September 12, 2018 - 9:00 A.M.

Special Announcements: Northwest Incident Management Team 8 (NWIMT8), Incident Commander, Doug Johnson, assumed management of the Terwilliger Fire this morning at 6:00 am. NWIMT8 would like to thank Northern Rockies Team 4, Incident Commander Rick Connell, for the previous management and hard work to contain the Terwilliger Fire.

The incident command post (ICP) is located at the Tokatee Golf Course near Rainbow, Oregon. The fire started on August 19th and is burning in timber on the Willamette National Forest approximately 5 miles southeast of Blue River.

Acreage: 10,948

Containment: 66%

Public Information Phone: (541) 719-8135 Available 7:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Information Websites: Inciweb – <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6160> Email: terwilligerfireinfo@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/willamettewildfires/>

Resources: Total personnel assigned – 491: 2-type 1 hand crews, 7-type 2 IA hand crews, 1-heavy lift helicopter, 1- medium lift helicopter, 2- light lift helicopters, 21-engines, 1-dozer, 10-water tenders, and 10 – tracked heavy equipment. Additional resources have been ordered and continue to arrive.

Current Fire Information: Moderate to low intensity fire continues to creep slowly east into the Three Sisters Wilderness. Fire crews are monitoring fire activity from the air and ground. Helicopters dropped water along the East Fork of the South Fork of the McKenzie River, south of Forest Service Road (FR) 1993, to cool hot spots and check the fire's spread. Log removal and decking from the northwest side of the fire has been completed. Chipping operations are completed along the southern sections of the fire.

Planned Actions: Fire crews will patrol, monitor the fire perimeter, and mop up hot spots where fire suppression activities have occurred. Helicopters are available for reconnaissance and water drops as needed. Crews are back hauling excess equipment to the fire camp. Assessment of type and location of suppression repair work has begun. Forest Roads on the east side of Cougar Reservoir will be assessed for firefighter use.

Key Message: FR 19 remains closed to all traffic from its intersection with FR 1900-408 south to, and including, Box Canyon due to unsafe conditions. Hazardous debris, such as car-sized boulders and very large trees, have fallen onto the road blocking fire traffic and creating near-miss incidents. Only emergency vehicles, in case there is a need for rapid evacuation of injured personnel, will be allowed through.

Restrictions: The Willamette National Forest has implemented a Forest-wide campfire ban, which includes all campgrounds and Wilderness areas. For specific information on Forest Order 06-18-01-18-17, see the Willamette National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notices>.

Closures: Area Closures are issued and placed for the protection and safety of the public and firefighters. On August 30th, an Area Closure was implemented on the Willamette National Forest closure order # 06-18-01-18-19. Go to <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7> for more details, a map and a link to the Forest Order, or on [Inciweb](#) for a map and a pdf of the original Forest Order.

Evacuations: There are currently NO evacuation notices in place for this fire.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: Temporary flight restrictions (TFR) are in effect around the entire fire area. Remember, that temporary flight restrictions also apply to unmanned aircraft systems (drones). **If you fly, we can't!**

Air Quality: For smoke monitoring information, see Oregon Department of Environmental Quality <https://oraqi.deq.state.or.us/home/map> or <https://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/> or <http://www.lrapa.org>

Weather: Cooler temperatures and mostly cloudy skies are forecasted with 52-57 degrees and a relative humidity of 55-65%. Winds will be increasing this afternoon 4-8 mph from the west/southwest with gusts to 15 mph. A slight of thunderstorms are possible.

